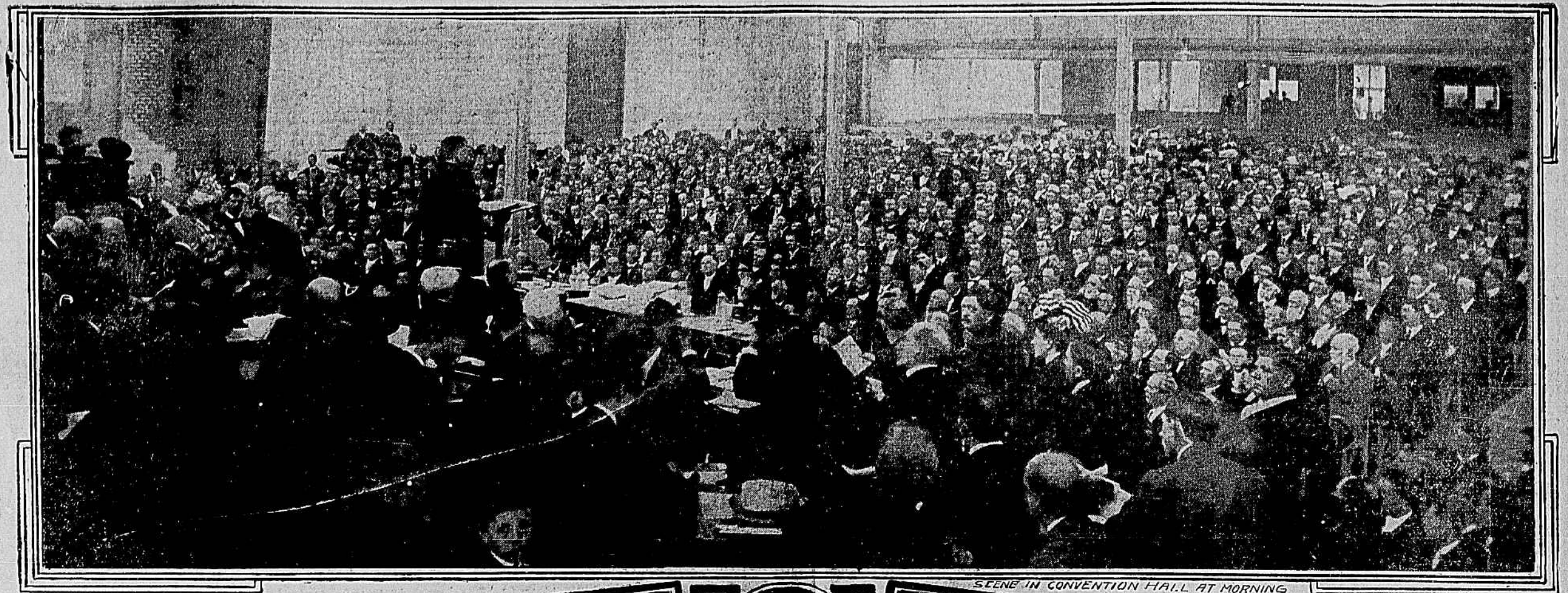


DRAMATIC SCENES MARK SECOND DAY OF GREAT BAPTIST CONVENTION.



SCENE IN CONVENTION HALL AT MORNING SESSION.

FAIRLY PLAYED  
BY COMMISSION

S. H. Wolfe, Insurance  
Actuary, Taken Sharply  
to Task.

LETTER WRITTEN  
COLONEL BUTTON

Corporation Commission Wants  
to Know if It Is True That  
He Is in Sympathy With  
the New York  
Man's De-  
mand.

Developments which are at once full of public interest took place yesterday in the matter concerning the recent examination of the affairs of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia by Mr. S. H. Wolfe, a New York actuary, when Corporation Commissioners Stuart and Willard, who sat in the case at its final hearing, addressed a letter to Commissioner Button, fairly flaying Wolfe, and asking Colonel Button if it is true, as stated by Wolfe, that in his efforts to have his report made public he has the active co-operation of the insurance commissioner.

It should be stated in the outset that though Colonel Button is out of the city, and could not therefore be seen last night, the insurance department is in no way in sympathy with Mr. Wolfe in the matter, and will not give aid or comfort to any proceeding which runs counter to the decision of the Corporation Commission.

The commission did not give out the letter to Colonel Button, but during the day an order was entered making all the papers connected with the case a public record of the department, and it was therefore possible for a representative of The Times-Dispatch to gain access thereto.

Memorandum Entered.

This memorandum, however, is entered on every sheet of Mr. Wolfe's report, which is distinctly discredited and rejected by the commission in its recent opinion, which sustained the company in every particular save one:

"This report as to the matter of the Pennsylvania mortgages acquired by the company prior to the incumbency of the present president, Mr. John G. Walker, has upon thorough investigation and review been discredited and rejected by the State Corporation Commission, as set forth at length in its former order of May 1, 1907, and no person in, or employed by the department of the commission, nor any other person, shall publish copy or use this report, in whole or in part, without attaching thereto, or to the part thereof so published, copy or use of this memorandum in full.

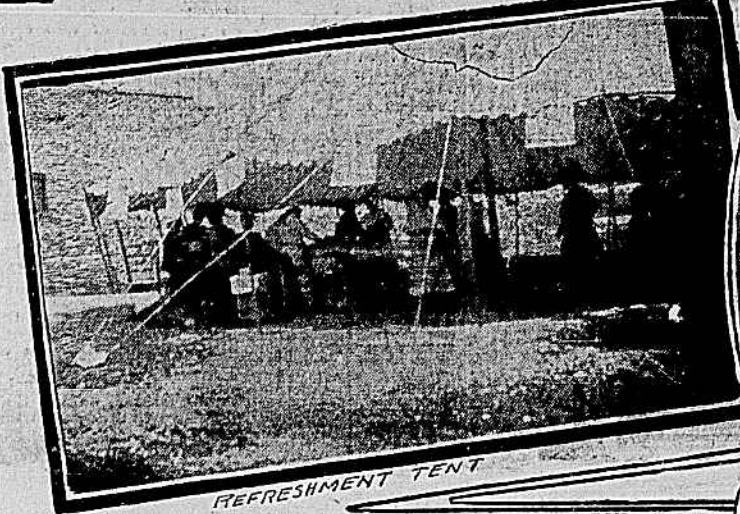
"R. T. WILSON,  
"Clerk State Corporation Commission."  
"May 16, 1907."

A Warm Letter.

The letter of the commissioners to Colonel Button, which was examined on the public records of the department last night, is a biting utterance so far as it refers to Mr. Wolfe, and it indicates plainly that the body will not permit an employee of a bureau under its control to dictate as to what shall be done concerning its decisions.

The letter refers to Wolfe's demand on Colonel Button for the publication of the report as "the insufferable and unparalleled insolence manifested by your employee," and calls upon the insurance commissioner to know if it is true that he is giving Wolfe his active co-operation in the matter.

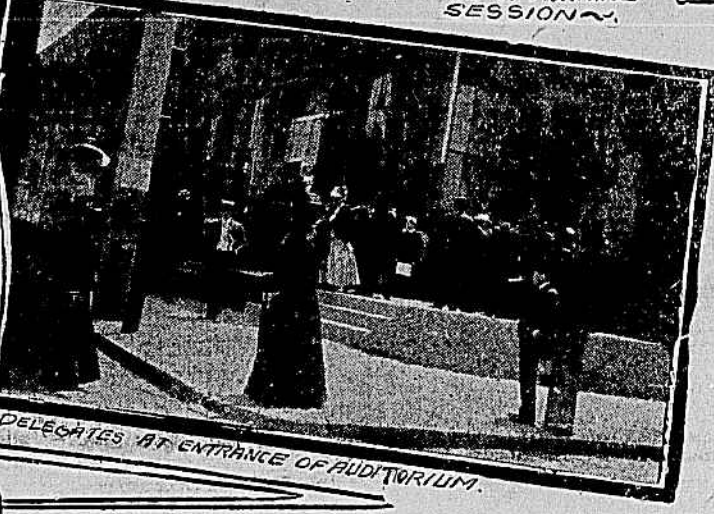
"The commission cannot dignify this communication by a reply to its au-



REFRESHMENT TENT



Rev. Dr. R. J. WILLINGHAM  
FOREIGN MISSION SECRETARY



DELEGATES AT ENTRANCE OF AUDITORIUM.

DRAMATIC SCENES  
AT NIGHT SESSION

Total of \$136,000 Sub-  
scribed for Foreign Mis-  
sions at One Meeting.

MARKS NEW EPOCH  
IN CHURCH WORK

Astounding Offer of Mr. Brooks,  
of Georgia, to Give \$50,000  
Caused Intense Excite-  
ment—Convention  
Refuses to Go to  
Another Hall.

PROGRAM TO-DAY  
AT AUDITORIUM

9:30 A. M.—Convention called to order.  
9:30 to 10:30 A. M.—Report on education.  
10:30 A. M. to 12 M.—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.  
12 to 1 P. M.—The Training School.  
1 P. M.—Recess.  
2 P. M.—Afternoon session called to order.  
3 to 5 P. M.—Sunday School and Bible Board report and discussion.  
5 to 6 P. M.—Miscellaneous business.  
8:15 P. M.—Home Missions—report and discussion.  
MONDAY PROGRAM.  
9:30 A. M.—Home Missions.  
3 P. M.—Miscellaneous business.  
8:15 P. M.—Hearing from returned missionaries, foreign mission field, and final adjournment.

After a day of religious services unsurpassed in the history of the Baptist denomination the world over; after three gatherings, made memorable by ringing and stirring addresses from the lips of men eminent among their fellows; by encouraging reports, which proved the wonderful advancement of Christian work in all directions of endeavor; by crowds so large that the immense Auditorium, with its capacity of 5,000 people, could not hold them; by every evidence of growing power and spread of Christian faith—after all this, the Southern Baptist Convention, within the closing minutes of the night session of its second day, was electrified by gifts, both of money and services, which, because of their very unexpectedness, were all the more sources of intense enthusiasm.

Remarkable Scene.

It had grown late, and many among the audience had left, when Mr. W. W. Brooks, a lawyer of Rome, Ga., the last speaker of the evening, began his address to emphasize the importance of foreign missions, and to point out a scheme by which a million dollars a year could be raised by the Baptists of the Southern Convention. His plan was that a number of men of the denomination should pledge themselves and their estates to subscribe a certain sum each year for ten successive years. As he closed he said quietly:

"I pledge myself and my estate to give \$5,000 a year for ten years for the cause of foreign missions."

So surprised were the delegates that not a sound was heard, and the vast audience sat silent until Rev. Dr. R. J. Willingham, secretary of the foreign mission board, rushed forward and shouted:

"Do you men understand what Brother Brooks has done? He has given us \$50,000."

Then a great wave of applause swept

PRESIDENT NOW  
AT HUNTING LODGE

Mrs. Roosevelt and Archie Accompany Him to Virginia for Rest.

BRINGS SECRET SERVICE MAN

For First Time President Takes Sloan to Pine Knot With Him.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 17.—President Roosevelt, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt and little son, Archie, reached Mrs. Roosevelt's cabin, "Pine Knot," in southern Albemarle, shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon, after a drive from North Garden, on the line of the Southern Railway. The President said to the little group at the station, where he disembarked, that the trip from Washington could not have been nicer. The day was ideal, and the drive to "Pine Knot," which was made in a double trap from "Plain Dealing," the home of William Wilmer, the New York banker, did not lack in pleasure. Mr. Wilmer did the handsomest thing by the President in the matter of horses, sending for his two splendid sorrel stallions, Plain Dealing and Engineer. Soon after the immediate presidential party left North Garden, Secret Service Guard Sloan followed in its wake. This is the first time an officer has accompanied the President to "Pine Knot," and if there is a special reason therefor it is not known. An effort to get an expression from Assistant Secretary Latta on the subject was without result.

It is understood the guard will be quartered at "Plain Dealing," which is less than a half-mile from the Roosevelt cottage.

Archie Pale and Thin.

Absolute rest for the President is said to be the object of the trip, although the thin features of little Archie, who seems scarcely recovered from his recent illness, might reasonably suggest that he was considered. The little boy had with him guns and fishing tackle, and the ever present black terror, "Skip," which came from Colorado. "Pine Knot" is a right rude place for a presidential hunting lodge, and little has been done to soften its ruggedness. A little spring cleaning and some flowers and shrubs from Richmond make up the whole story of preparation. Although the hour of the President's arrival in Charlottesville was known, there were not more than fifty people at the station when the train pulled in. To these the President said: "I have come down into Virginia to spend a few days. I am glad to see you all."

Assistant Secretary Latta returned to Charlottesville, where he will remain until the President returns to Washington Sunday.

SIXTY-EIGHT SHOT  
BY COSSACK GUARDS

Killed Twenty-One Outright for Earlier Attack on Mail Wagon.

FIRE DISCRIMINATELY

Mill Officers and Employees Slaughtered in Short Riot at Lodz.

LODZ, RUSSIAN POLAND, May 17.—Sixty-eight officials and workmen of Kuttner's spinning mills were shot down this morning by a patrol of Cossacks, because a band of terrorists attacked a mail wagon in the neighborhood, killed a Cossack guard and wounded another Cossack and two post officials.

While the wagon was passing through Lonkova Street the terrorists suddenly appeared from a side street, opened fire on the Cossack escort, seized \$1,000 from the wagon, and escaped. A moment later a patrol of Cossacks arrived on the scene, and, infuriated by the fate of their comrades, rushed into the Kuttner factory, which was near the spot where the robbery occurred, and began firing indiscriminately, killing twenty-one and wounding over forty-four persons.

The greatest indignation prevails here, as it is claimed that the employees of the factory had nothing to do with the attack on the mail wagon.

CHARGE GATTIS  
WITH FORGERY

Well-Known Cotton Broker Absent from Charlotte—Police Looking for Him.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 17.—News leaked out here to-night of the unexpected absence from the city of W. O. Gattis, local representative of the firm of Charles E. Johnson and Company, of Raleigh, cotton brokers. Gattis is charged with forgery. The amount involved is not definitely known, but it is not less than several thousand dollars.

Gattis, it seems, entered into a deal with one W. A. Smith, of Pineville, this county, to form a partnership for buying and selling cotton. Shortly after the deal was made, three weeks ago, Gattis is charged with having forged a bill of lading for fifty bales of cotton, and thereafter to have uttered a forged note through the Charlotte National Bank to cover the first forgery, securing thereon not less than \$3,500. He has not been heard from since by the police.

VIGOROUS DENIAL  
BY SENATOR DANIEL

Report That He Said He Would Not Vote for Bryan Untrue, He Says.

BRANDS TACOMA DISPATCH

Declares That There Is Nothing Whatever in the New York Times Story.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—Senator Daniel was prompt to deny to-day a story telegraphed from Tacoma to the New York Times last night, in which it was stated that he had said to a man in Washington that he would not vote for Bryan, nor for Taft nor Roosevelt, but might support a man like Secretary Root.

"As to the statement that I would, or said I would, support a man like Secretary Root, and would not vote for Roosevelt, or Taft, or Bryan," said the Senator to-day, "all I have to say is that there is nothing whatever in it but a big mistake somebody has made."

The Senator did not care to discuss the subject further. It is probable that the direct and exceedingly outspoken manner in which Senator Daniel, a day or two after Mr. Bryan's speech in Madison Square Garden, denounced the latter's position regarding government ownership of railroads caused the impression that he would not vote for Mr. Bryan were he to be made the nominee of the Democratic party. While Senator Daniel, in common with the vast majority of the leading men of the Democratic party, is bitterly opposed to government ownership, there has nothing been said by him to indicate that he would not support Mr. Bryan were the Nebraska to be nominated.

COMMANDER TO  
RETIRE HERE

MONTGOMERY, ALA., May 17.—It is announced to-day that Dr. Thomas M. Owen, who is serving his second term as commander-in-chief of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, will not permit his name to be presented for another election at the coming meeting in Richmond. While thoroughly in love with the work Dr. Owen finds himself overwhelmed with official and personal obligations, and can no longer give the time necessary to the office.

WIDOW OF YERKES  
GETS HER DIVORCE

Court Grants Separation from Youthful Husband, Wilson Mizner.

QV STATUTORY GROUNDS

May Resume Her Maiden Name and Marry Again if She Desires.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes-Mizner, widow of Charles T. Yerkes, the millionaire traction promoter of Chicago and London, to-day was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce from her youthful husband, Wilson Mizner. By the terms of the decree Mrs. Yerkes-Mizner may resume her maiden name, and she is also granted permission to remarry should she choose. The marriage of the wealthy widow and the young Californian, many years her junior, a few weeks after her husband's death created wide public interest.

Almost from the first the match proved not to be a happy one, and rumors of proceedings looking to a severance of marriage ties began to circulate several months ago. Mrs. Mizner asked that the divorce be granted on statutory grounds. The suit was not opposed. None of the proceedings before the referee will become public, as his report is sealed.

ORCHARD STORY  
IS DENOUNCED

Halt in Haywood Trial While Court Deals With Side Feature.

BOISE, IDAHO, May 17.—At the opening of the Stoenenbergh murder trial to-day, Judge Wood directed the prosecuting attorney of Ada county to investigate the circumstances under which Harry Orchard was interviewed for publication yesterday, with a view of ascertaining if there had been any attempt to influence the jurors in the case, and to take such steps as he found the circumstances to warrant. In drawing attention to the matter, Judge Wood asked counsel if they could offer any suggestions as to the duty of the court.

There was a long discussion, in which the interview was condemned by counsel for the defense and prosecution alike, but without any final decision. No additional jurors were secured to-day.

CIVIC FLAG WAS  
RECOMMENDED

Ex-Confederate Said Confederate Emblem Would Arouse Dead Issues.

BURY RECOLLECTION OF WAR

Councilman W. L. White Afraid of Bringing Out Bloody Shirt. Vote on Flag.

The flag of Richmond, the design of which was recently suggested by Mayor McCarthy, was recommended to the Council by the Committee on Ordinances, Charter and Reform last night after a spirited discussion, in the course of which a Confederate soldier vigorously opposed the incorporation of the Confederate colors in the flag. Councilman W. L. White was the opponent of including in the design the Norman shield with the Confederate emblem thereon, and in the course of his protest against it he declared that to adopt it for the civic flag would revive a dead issue and bring out the bloody shirt. "I think we should bury the recollections of the war," said Mr. White, "as I believe every true Confederate has. I claim it is unwise, inexpedient and impolitic to incorporate it in a civic flag."

Mr. White proposed as a substitute the portrait of William Byrd be substituted for the Confederate emblem, but the committee voted this down. Messrs. White and J. J. Lynch alone voting for it. The committee then recommended the ordinance embodying the Mayor's design by a vote of 5 to 3. Messrs. C. P. Davis, J. J. Lynch and W. L. White voting "No," and Messrs. Cary, Dabney, Ferguson, Timmer and Grundy in the affirmative.

Mr. Hunsdon Cary replied to the objection of Mr. White.

Wanted More Pay.

The committee sat until midnight, most of the time being consumed in hearing persons advocating or opposing specific ordinances, many of which related to salaries.

After hearing Mr. Garber in advocacy of his ordinance requiring pawnbrokers to make monthly reports of their business, and listening to Messrs. Sam Stern and Jacob in opposition, the committee recommended the ordinance for rejection.

MAN CONVICTED FOR  
KILLING WIFE AND BABY

WAYCROSS, GA., May 17.—The jury in the case of H. E. Lyles, charged with the murder of his wife and baby, to-day returned a verdict of guilty. This was Lyles's second trial, the first resulting in a mistrial. Lyles claimed that the shooting was an accident. Sentence was deferred.